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C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 1620

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD EAGR

SUBJECT: FRESH MEAT: RESTRAINT PROGRAM

SAN JOSE FOR AGATT

REFS: (A) STATE 61620; (B) STATE 61201; (C) PRUETT/PEASHOCK

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(F) PANAMA 780

1. DEADLINE OF MARCH 21 TO RECEIVE GOP OFFICIAL ACCEPTANCE OF 2.5 MILLION POUNDS VOLUNTARY EXPORT RESTRAINT LEVEL AS STATED IN REF B IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET BECAUSE ALL OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE IS REQUIRED TO BE ROUTED THROUGH FOREIGN OFFICE AND MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS, WITH WHOM THE RESTRAINT LEVEL SHOULD BE DISCUSSED, ARE IN DAVID FOR AGRICULTURAL FAIR AND SANTIAGO, THE HEADQUARTERS OF MINISTRY. THE EMBASSY REQUESTS EXTENSION OF DEADLINE.

2. EMBASSY SENT NOTE REQUESTING AGREEMENT TO 3.0 MILLION POUND LEVEL PER REF D ON JANUARY 6 AND HAS NOT YET RECEIVED REPLY. NEGATIVE INFORMAL REACTION TO 3.0 MILLION POUND RESTRAINT LEVEL WAS REPORTED IN REFS E AND F. AN EVEN STRONGER REACTION CAN BE ANTICIPATED IF A CUT IN THAT FIGURE IS ATTEMPTED.

3. IN VIEW OF SMALL SIZE OF PANAMA'S EXPORT, EMBASSY REGARDS THE SENDING OF A NEW NOTE REDUCING THE VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT LEVEL LIKELY TO BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT SINCE
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THE NEWLY PROPOSED RESTRAINT LEVEL TOTAL IS HIGHER THAN THAT

PROPOSED IN REF D, PANAMA'S LEVEL NOT BE REDUCED FROM EARLIER
FIGURE, I.E., 3.0 MILLION POUNDS.
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